



## DOE Proposes Modification To Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

### *Changes to WIPP Hazardous Waste Facility Permit*

#### **Background**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has proposed modifications to its Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (HWFP) for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) to make DOE environmental cleanup efforts more efficient.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued WIPP's HWFP (Permit Number: NM4890139088-TSDF) in October 1999. The proposed modification would allow the Permittees to improve operational efficiencies while continuing to ensure the safety of the employees, public and environment.

#### **What is Proposed?**

DOE submitted the Class 2 permit modification request to NMED on November 21, 2007. The proposed modification would allow the WIPP Operating Record to be maintained in an unalterable electronic format. The hard copies of the Operating Record, which have been converted into an electronic format, will be maintained at the WIPP Records Archive facility. Paper copies of any electronic file will be made available to NMED upon request.

#### **Comments**

Comments for the record must be sent to Mr. Steve Zappe, New Mexico Environment Department, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive, Building 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505. They also may be e-mailed: [steve.zappe@state.nm.us](mailto:steve.zappe@state.nm.us) or faxed to 505-476-6060. Only written comments will be accepted and must be received no later than 5 p.m. (MDT) on January 21, 2008. A copy of the permit modification may be viewed or copied at the NMED offices of Mr. Zappe. To be placed on the WIPP mailing list, contact Mr. Zappe at the address above.

#### **For more Information**

For more information about transuranic waste shipments and procedures, call the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-WIPP (9477). You also may visit the WIPP home page at <http://www.wipp.energy.gov>. Comments to the Permittees regarding this permit modification may be sent to Mr. Bobby St. John, Washington TRU Solutions LLC, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM 88221.